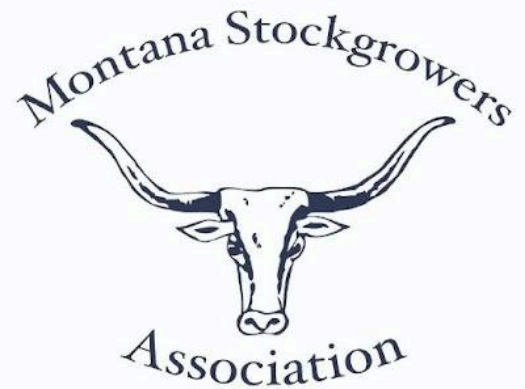


March 11, 2025

Hon. Chief Justice Cory Swanson
Montana Supreme Court
c/o Rob Bird
PO Box 203005
Helena, MT 59620-3005



RE: Judge Stephen R. Brown's Appointment to Chief Water Judge

Dear Chief Justice Swanson,

On behalf of the Montana Stockgrowers Association (MSGA), please accept this note of support for Judge Stephen R. Brown for appointment to the Chief Water Judge position with the Montana Water Court. MSGA, and our members, has a long-standing history with water in Montana and having a knowledgeable, thoughtful, and fair judge over the Water Court is critical to our membership. Judge Brown holds all three of these attributes.

Judge Brown is a well-respected member of the water community and has substantial experience of water law. He has a demonstrated commitment to the Water Court and the adjudication process and would be an exceptional Chief Water Judge.

We support Judge Stephen R. Brown to be the next Chief Water Judge.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Raylee A. Honeycutt". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Raylee A. Honeycutt
Executive Vice President | Montana Stockgrowers Association